Possible Grant Opportunities

1. Rockefeller Foundation
   1. <http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/grants/what-we-fund>
   2. This foundation funds a numerous amount of different projects. They do fund nonprofits and I believe for profits as well. This foundation is all about globalization but focuses in on key areas and one of those is climate and the environment. This may be a good possibility because even though it has certain criteria to meet, it is more or less open on the aspect of which specific projects it funds. This foundation is global but does fund work in the United States. There were no specific dollar amounts on the website. This foundation is also all about social impact projects so our organization might be a good candidate.
2. V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation
   1. <http://www.vkrf.org/content/what-we-fund>
   2. VKRF is a foundation that primary funds projects that help to stop the environmental problems that humans create. They support the transition to a more environmentally friendly and sustainable planet. They solely support nonprofit organizatons. The grant is a new project start up grant for 1 to 2 years. One of their main focuses for support is innovative energy solutions as well as involving the public. This would be great for our project because we are teaching about innovative solutions to how we can better the planet with renewable energies.
3. Merck Family Fund
   1. <http://www.merckff.org/application.html>
   2. The Merck family fund is an organization that supports promotion of energy efficiency implementation. Their main focus is funding non profit organizations that implement low cost and accessibility of the energies. This could be a possibility. The fund has supported various non profits across the US all of which have some sort of goal in continuing renewable energy options or promoting sustainable living in the U.S.
4. Mertz Gilmore Foundation
   1. <http://www.mertzgilmore.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=42>
   2. MG foundation has a main focus area on climate change solutions in which has three broad areas of sub focus. The sub focus that that our project would fit itself into would be alternatives to coal fired power plants. This section of their grant awards gives money to organizations that want to promote alternative energy resources and opportunities. Being that their focus is so broad here we can fit our proposal into what their main focus is which is to eliminate climate change by burning fossil fuels. They also have another sub focus which is promoting new constituencies and approaches for a climate change movement. This could also be another avenue for us to fit into. I think that this foundation has a lot of potential for us in a variety of ways. They have funded many projects and have even funded a project called Global Kids which was a project that involved the education of youth on the global climate change problem. This is a grant we should definitely consider.
5. RGK Foundation
   1. <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines#faq>
   2. This foundation supports a very broad spectrum of areas to give grants to. Their focuses are on education of youth, human services, community improvement and abuse prevention. They do not have a specific focus on alternative energy options but being that they give money to education we might have a shot. They only give money to nonprofit organizations. The average amount of money given from the RGK foundation is generally $25000.00 so it would be a smaller grant option.
6. Patagonia
   1. <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>
   2. Patagonia is an organization that is very involved in funding environmental projects that have to do with identifying the roots of the problem and approach solutions to these problems with a commitment to long term change. Generally they fund organizations that have grassroots movements or some type of way to reach the people. They are very invested in organizations that have a strong focus on a citizen support base. There grant awards are somewhat smaller.